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Humphrey, Resor, Paul Address Academy Grads

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey called on the 1967 Naval Academy graduating class to dedicate themselves to building a new Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for the 21st Century.

Stating that the future belongs to the leaders of their generation, the Vice President told the graduating class that there was no one better to hear this message "than those who are the guardians of those rights and those who take on such heavy responsibility."

First among those rights, Vice President Humphrey said, "is the right to peace—so that man may live and hope free from the threat of those who would march to power through brute force."

The Vice President was one of three high ranking government officials to speak at commencement exercises at the three service academies on June 7. Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor spoke before the graduating class at the Military Academy and Air Force Under Secretary Norman S. Paul addressed graduates at the Air Force Academy.

Commenting that these rights and responsibilities represent "pillars of freedom," the Vice President pointed to the necessity "for the security of peoples and lands in this modern and changing world."

Army Secretary Resor told graduating cadets at West Point that they must help carry the burden of America's commitment to freedom in Vietnam and throughout the world.

"Soon you will be leaving, American soldiers, in the defense of freedom," Resor said. "Since World War II, the United States has played the principal role in that defense.

"We have done so at an immense cost in man and material things because we believe deeply in the dignity of the individual and in his right to choose freely his form of government."

Under Secretary Paul told graduating Air Force Academy cadets that Vietnam is a testing ground of America's determination to assist her friends and allies in preserving their freedom and developing viable economic and political systems.

"It is a testing ground for our ability to adapt to a kind of warfare that is new to our experience—particularly to Air Force experience," Mr. Paul said.

DESCRIBING THE KILL—Air Force Capt. Larry D. Wiggins (right) describes tactics he used in downing a MIG-17 near Hanoi to fellow flight member Maj. Ralph L. Kuster, who also scored a MIG-17 kill. Both are F-105 Thunderchief pilots of the 469th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Vietnam.

Defense Contingency Plans Assure Military Petroleum Needs Will Be Met

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said June 7 the Department of Defense is implementing immediately contingency plans to assure an uninterrupted flow of petroleum products to Vietnam and other major U.S. commands throughout the world.

He said DOD has taken preliminary actions to make certain that all military requirements for petroleum would be met fully and promptly.

The precautionary measures, the secretary said, include arrangements for contingency contracts to cover the possible loss of petroleum from the Middle East.

Total annual DOD petroleum procurement is presently about 400 million barrels at a cost of $1.4 billion. This figure includes the 120 million barrels, at a cost of $240 million, which is designated for Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. DOD officials said 65 percent of the petroleum slated for Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific had come from the Persian Gulf.

Mr. McNamara said that in the event normal sources of petroleum in the Middle East are shut down, "abundant other petroleum refining capacity is available and will be used as required."

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TWO MIGS DOWNED by Air Force jets on June 3 brought Air Force confirmed MIG kills to 58. Leading MIG killer is Col. Robin Olds of Washington, D.C., who shot down two MIGs on May 20, giving him four in Vietnam war.

BATTLEFIELD "BURGLAR ALARM" is being tested at Army Materiel Command's Electronics Proving Ground, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. Called an alarm set, anti-intrusion, it was designed to warn troops of night attacks.

SAVINGS BOND SALES for May totalled $438,000, representing a six percent increase over the $413,000 sold in May 1966. Series E bond sales alone accounted for $409,000 the highest for any May since 1945. The Treasury Department's May report does not include the higher interest bearing Freedom Share bonds which went on sale for the first time May 1, as these bonds can be purchased only through payroll or bank deduction plans and no data can be expected before July 1.

ARMY SELECTION BOARD convened March 27 to consider officers for promotion to W-4, AUS, has adjourned. Almost 100 were selected. Announcement has gone out to major commands in Army message.

AIR FORCE MAJ. GEN. John B. Bestic, Deputy Director, National Military Command System, Defense Communications Agency, will become Commander, Electronic Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, July 1. Gen. Bestic will succeed Maj. Gen. John W. O'Neill, who has been reassigned as Commander, Air Force System Command's new Space and Missile Organization in Los Angeles.

ARMY MAJOR General Woodrow W. Vaughan has been named to succeed Air Force Maj. Gen. Earl C. Hedlund as Deputy Director, Defense Supply Agency. Gen. Hedlund, who has been nominated for a third star, is scheduled to replace DASA Director VAdm. Joseph M. Lyle, who will retire July 1. Gen. Vaughan has been Assistant Director, DASA Plans, Programs and Systems.

AIR FORCE VICE Chief of Staff Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, a member of first Air Command and Staff College class in 1947, was featured speaker at June 9 graduation ceremonies at Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

TWENTY-FOUR GRADUATES OF other U.S. service academies have been accepted for regular Air Force commissions. Future Air Force officers, 13 from Military Academy and 11 from Naval Academy were commissioned second lieutenants in graduation ceremonies at respective schools.

A NEW SIGHT for Army helicopter crews enabled observers to identify targets at 2,200-3,500 meters, around five times present range capability, during test at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The Dynalens Image Motion Compensation System, developed by Dynasciences Corp., will undergo evaluation in various-type Army helicopters in Southeast Asia.

MAJOR GENERAL James C. Jensen has been named to succeed Lt. Gen. Charles B. Westover as Vice Commander of Air Force Air Defense Command. Gen. Jensen is presently serving as Commander, ADC's First Air Force. Gen. Westover will retire June 30.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command of St. Louis has awarded two contracts totaling $2.5 million for production of support equipment to Bell Helicopter Co., Ft. Worth, Tex. Procurement actions, both in support of Army's UH-1 helicopter program, call for production of 10 crash damage kits at a cost of $1 million, and for 1,632 main input drive gear assemblies at a cost of $1.49 million.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY graduated its fourth Allied cadet June 7. Graduating cadet was Abraham D. Estavillo, who was sworn into Philippines Air Force by Col. Patrocinio D. Lapus, Air Attache to U.S., at graduation ceremonies. Academy's Allied Program graduated its first three cadets last year. Cadets came from countries of Thailand, Philippines and Bolivia.

ARMY HAS ANNOUNCED award of $9.8 million, single-year contract to Diamond Reo Truck Division, White Motor Corp., Lansing, Mich., for production of 1,372 2½-ton military trucks. Trucks will be produced in company's Lansing plant for Norwegian government under this country's Military Aid Program.

DR. RUSSELL O'NEAL, Assistant Secretary of Army for Research and Development, will be among speakers at second annual Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry sponsored by Army Aviation Materiel Command and Army Aviation Association of America in St. Louis, June 20-21. Estimated 700 representatives of aerospace industry and from Army are expected to attend meetings which will cover spectrum of Army aviation through 1970's.

NEW METHOD for reducing size of batteries in electronic equipment carried by combat troops has been reported by Army Materiel Command's Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Method consists of new circuit design which reduces amount of electrical power required in certain types of small communications and surveillance equipment during "standby" periods.

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Background for Commanders

NORTH AFRICA: THE MAGHREB

Soon after the Arab-Israeli clash began June 5, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia lined up on the Arab side. Next Algeria broke off diplomatic relations with the United States, apparently because of a false report that U.S. warplanes had aided the Israelis. These three nations, along with Morocco, make up what is known as the Maghreb, or Arab West. This area was discussed by Joseph Palmer 2nd, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, in a recent speech. Following are extracts from that address.

The Maghreb itself is no insignificant portion of the earth's surface: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya comprise an area half the size of the United States. The population of the Maghreb is approaching 35 million and, at the present rate of growth—one of the fastest in the world—will double in our lifetime.

During the period of colonial rule, North Africa has been extensively exposed to the economic and social consequences of Western European industrialization. A newcomer to Morocco, Algeria or Tunisia is struck by the well-developed infra-structure of roads, railroads, communications, utilities, buildings, light industry and modern farms created by the French. Trade is overwhelmingly with Western Europe.

Soviet Aid

A rapid survey must take into account the increasing interest of the Soviet Union and of several other Eastern European states in the area. The principal manifestations are the steadily mounting Soviet naval and merchant shipping in the Mediterranean, the growing trade with North Africa, and the large Soviet programs of economic and military aid to Algeria. Soviet financial and technical commitments to Algerian industrialization are second only to those of France, while the U.S.S.R. is the primary source of military weapons and training for an Algerian army that has become the third most powerful on the African continent. On a smaller scale, Soviet economic and technical assistance is also furnished to Morocco and Tunisia, while several of the Eastern European countries are actively pursuing the attractive commercial opportunities in Libya.

Algeria . . . has close relations with the U.S.S.R. The UAR apart, it is the principal beneficiary of Soviet aid in Africa. Yet Algeria is motivated by an intense view of its national self-interest, has dealt severely with its domestic Communists, recognizes that its most fruitful economic relationships are those with its former adversary, France, and has repeatedly expressed to our own government the desire for closer relations.

Economic Prospects

The economic take-off prospects in North Africa are among the most hopeful anywhere in the developing world. Cooperation [however] is to some extent inhibited by the differing nature of the regimes: Morocco a hereditary monarch seeking progress along an evolutionary path; Algeria a revolutionary republic of the left imposing a rather rigid form of state socialism; Tunisia a moderate republic pragmatic in its policies and favorable to Western liberal principles; Libya a constitutional monarchy with a free enterprise economic system.

In 1963 an obscure incident in the remoter reaches of the Sahara sparked a short, intensive armed conflict between Morocco and Algeria. Since that time Algeria has concentrated on creating a strong modern army. Supplied by the U.S.S.R. with nearly $200 million worth of jet planes, tanks and other sophisticated armament, Algeria has now acquired a significant lead in weapons over its neighbors. Algeria repeatedly stresses that its intentions are solely defensive. . . . Unfortunately, however, through the mere acquisition of such a formidable arsenal, Algeria has aroused the fear and suspicion of its neighbors. They, in turn, have requested additional military assistance from the U.S. and others.

U.S. Aim Is Peace

We have therefore responded with minimal programs for Morocco and Tunisia, designed purely for defensive purposes, and calculated to give these countries a basic sense of security within which to continue their internal development efforts. Within the framework of such legitimate needs, we are determined to do everything within our power to avoid contributing to a Maghreb arms race.

As in other parts of the developing world, we support the national integrity and independence of all the countries of the region, attempt to help them promote social and economic development and seek to encourage their efforts to move towards regional cohesion. We earnestly desire to have friendly relations with all four countries of the Maghreb.

The United States has only one fundamental objective in North Africa: its peaceful and orderly development in conformity with its own aspirations and in ways that will best serve the common good.

Army SCP Officers Get Identity Statement On Assignment Orders

All Army Special Career Programs (SCP) officers below colonel will be more readily identified to gaining organization commanders through a new orders assignment policy beginning July 1.

Commanders are responsible for using these officers according to the program's basic career development policies. Army points out that member identification is essential to fulfilling responsibility for the program.

The new policy calls for a statement, identifying the officer as an SCP member, to be included in all DA special orders directing the officer's assignment and in orders published by overseas commands from OPO assignment instructions.

Currently, this information is in the officer's DA Form 66, but these forms are not available at the required organizational level.

SCP members follow an alternating assignment pattern to maintain branch qualifications while progressing in their selected specialist career field.

Astronaut Lovell Named LBJ Fitness Consultant

Astronaut Navy Capt. James A. Lovell will succeed Stan Musial as Special Consultant to the President for Physical Fitness, the White House announced June 6.

"He will devote up to one-fourth of his time to his service as a consultant to the President, and will be fully able to maintain his readiness for future space flights," the announcement explained.

Astronaut Lovell, 39, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, has logged more than 400 hours in space flight—more than any other person.

Capt. Lovell was the command pilot of Gemini 7 in December 1965 and completed the first rendezvous of a space vehicle with Gemini 6. He was also command pilot on the final Gemini 12 mission in November 1966.

KOREAN HONOR—Army Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Boyle, outgoing Commanding General, I Corps (Group), receives the Order of National Security Medal, second class, from Republic of Korea Minister of National Defense Sung Eun Kim.

Three DOD Civilians Get Ladies Day Awards

Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor presented awards to three Department of Defense civilians in a Ladies Day Awards Ceremony at the Pentagon.

The Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (DECS) was presented to Mrs. Dorothe K. Matlack, Intelligence Operations Specialist, Office of the Assistant CofS for Intelligence. She was cited for national security contributions, which were reflected in successes in Vietnam.

Mrs. Irene Fischer, who is assigned to the Chief, Geoid Branch, Research and Analysis Division, Army Map Service, received the DECS for developing plans for total DOD requirements in the geodetic area.

Miss Shirley J. Gomora received the Special Act or Service Award of $5,000 for an idea resulting in government FY66 benefits amounting to $10,487,950. She is an Inventory Management Specialist in the Ammunition Procurement and Supply Agency. She recommended modification of obsolescent projectiles, adapting them to present day use.

Marine General Walt Assesses Vietnam Progress

Marine Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt told a June 7 Pentagon news conference that "we are headed in the right direction" in Vietnam.

Gen. Walt is the new Marine Corps Director of Personnel/Deputy Chief of Staff (Manpower) after two years in Vietnam. He was Commanding General of the III Marine Amphibious Force and the senior officer in the I Corps in the northernmost provinces of South Vietnam.

Commenting on the M-16 rifle used by U.S. forces in RVN, Gen. Walt said it is the finest weapon troops have ever had—particularly in Vietnam.

Now all infantrymen have automatic weapons, the general explained, "necessary for close fighting."

He said a survey conducted in Vietnam showed that of more than 13 million rounds fired, there were only 1,243 malfunctions.

Gen. Walt said he requested M-16s for Marines after the Army showed fine results with the rifle.

Speaking of flexibility displayed by Marines in Vietnam, Gen. Walt said "they fight one day" and the next day are helping people to rebuild homes and schools.

Stanley S. Carpenter Named Ryukyu Civil Administrator

President Johnson has approved the appointment of Stanley S. Carpenter, career foreign service officer, as Ryukyu Islands Civil Administrator. He will assume his duties around mid-July, succeeding the current administrator who is retiring from government service.

Mr. Carpenter was designated by the Secretary of Defense after consultation with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Carpenter will serve as principal officer to Army Maj. Gen. Ferdinand T. Unger, the High Commissioner. He succeeds Gerald Warner, who has served in the office since January 1964.

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